

SPLIT IS MENACING BALTIMORE HOPES

Some Democrats, Backed by Republicans, Fight Bigger Representation.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, February 4.—The combination of recalcitrant democrats with nearly the whole republican membership, in order to defeat the proposal to increase the representation from Baltimore city in the Maryland legislature, has been the big incident of the week at Annapolis.

Under the leadership of Delegate Roberts of Prince Georges county, twelve democrats refused to take part in the caucus on the measure, and if these stand fast, the solid republican vote of thirty-three in the house of delegates is sufficient to defeat the measure.

The proposition, exactly in the form in which it was presented in the last democratic state platform, simply proposes to submit to the voters the question of amending the state constitution so as to increase the number of senators from the city by two and the number of delegates by twelve.

Need Three-Fifths Vote.

There is a decisive majority in both houses for the measure, but as a proposed constitutional amendment requires a three-fifths vote of both houses, a small number of democrats, by combining with the republican bloc, can secure its defeat.

It is apparent that at present there are not enough democratic votes to defeat the measure. Intense efforts are being made by democratic leaders, however, to bring the bolters into line. The largest democratic unit against the bill is made up of four democratic members of the five from Anne Arundel county. It is claimed, however, that a fight of a local democrat for more definite recognition from Gov. Ritchie is back of this position.

The stand of the republican members is unexpected, as the platform of their own party in the last state election pledged even a larger increase of city representation than did that of the democrats.

Opposition to Militia Bill.

Considerable opposition is developing to the bill providing certain amendments to the militia law, chief of which is making life tenure for the office of adjutant general, now occupied by Gen. Milton A. Reekord, who commanded the 115th Infantry during the world war.

There is general satisfaction in official circles over the fine price secured in the sale of the installment of the \$1,500,000 worth of state construction bonds, offered here. A bid of \$101.91, made by the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, was accepted for the last installment of a half million dollars' worth of the bonds. There were fifteen bidders this week, most of whom offered better than par.

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BULGARIA'S NOTED VALLEY OF ROSES' FACES EXTINCTION BY NEW DISEASE

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PHILIPPOPOLIS, Bulgaria, February 4.—Bulgaria's famous Valley of Roses, which produces 90 per cent of the world's supply of the fragrant attar, faces extinction. More than half the bushes in the entire area at the foot of the Balkan mountains, covering thousands of acres, are affected with a disease resembling phylloxera. Experts have been unable to determine its exact nature or treatment. The minister of agriculture is offering prizes for the discovery of a remedy.

Last year's yield of the delicate rose essence was only 3,000 kilograms (about 6,500 pounds), due largely to the prevalence of this disease, which attacks the root of the rose. Many Bulgarian rose growers are taking to tobacco growing, because they find it easier and more profitable than rose culture.

The wholesale price of oil of roses is 40,000 francs (francs) a kilogram. At the current rate of exchange this is equivalent to about \$125 a pound. In the perfume shops of Paris, London and New York it sells for about five times this amount. It requires 2,000 pounds of petals to make a single pound of essence.

France takes the greater part of Bulgaria's output of attar. A short time ago Bulgaria sent a commission to the United States with 3,000 pounds of the delicate essence. After months of effort the commission failed to place any part of the attar in America. It was taken to France finally and sold at a loss. This was due, it is said, to fear on the part of the American firms that the attar might not be genuine. There is no way of determining which is real and which is spurious essence, confidence in the seller's honesty being the only guide.

SURPRISED AT DECISION OF EXPLORER'S WIDOW

Lady Shackleton's Reported Intent to Have Body Buried at South Georgia Island Doubtful.

By the Associated Press.

MONTEVIDEO, February 4.—The report published by the London Daily Mail that Lady Shackleton, widow of the noted explorer, had decided to have her husband's body taken back to South Georgia Island for burial caused surprise here, particularly in the British colony, which gives the report no credence.

Capt. L. Hussey, who brought the body here from South Georgia Island, where Sir Ernest died, declined to comment on the report. As far as can be learned, there have been no changes in the plans of either the Uruguayan government or the British colony to render honors to the dead explorer on February 11, the date fixed for the embarkation of the body for England on the British steamship Andes.

British Charge d'Affaires However expressed surprise at the report from London, and said he had received no communication to that effect.

It was understood at the ministry of foreign affairs that Chancelor would represent the government when the body was started on the voyage to England.

HISTORIC THEATER TO GO.

New Structure to Displace New York Grand Opera House.

NEW YORK, February 4.—The grand opera house, which started off bravely in the early seventies under the patronage of Jay Gould and James Fisk as a home of comic opera, skidding downward with the years to vaudeville, burlesque and finally the lower-priced movies, is to be sold, and probably will be dismantled to make room for a modern structure.

Otto A. Hack, president of the realty company operating the building, said that negotiations for the sale were practically completed. He declined to say, however, what use would be made of the historic old site at 8th avenue and 23d street.

The building, started in 1869 by Morris Fisk, was bought up unfinished by Gould and Fisk and completed by them with all their ideas of splendor and art. The two railroad magnates had elaborate boxes, reached by private entrances, and on one of the upper floors, which also housed the Erie railroad offices, was a sumptuous apartment, with a secret stairway to the theater, for Joseph Mansfield, the comic opera star, in a quarrel over whom Fisk was shot in 1871.

Use of the building for comic opera ceased with Fisk's death, and the theater was taken over by Augustin Daly for spectacular productions. Then followed vaudeville, burlesque and finally the movies.

HONEYMOON PAIR SOMEWHERE IN U.S.

Mrs. Stephens and Vonsiat-sky Wed and Quietly Whisk Away.

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NEW YORK, February 4.—Leaving behind them a much disappointed group of New Yorkers who anxiously awaited their marriage, announced for 4 o'clock this afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Anastase Vonsiat-sky-Vonsiat-sky were honeymooning today "somewhere in America."

They have dropped from sight. With the exception of the bride's mother, Mrs. Norman B. Ream, and her brother, Norman P. Ream, no one knows where they went after their marriage at 8 o'clock last evening by Father Leonard Turkovich, in the Russian Cathedral of St. Nicholas. They left the church in a taxi, drove to Grand Central station, and took a train, ostensibly for the home of the bride's mother, Carolyn Hall, Thompson, Conn., but all inquiry there this morning failed to bring any response.

FRANCE APPROVES PLAN FOR AVIATORS' CEMETERY

Site Chosen for Heroes of La Fayette Escadrille Who Fell in Action.

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PARIS, February 3.—The French government has heartily accepted a plan for forming a special cemetery for the bodies of the aviators of the La Fayette Escadrille who fell for France. It has promised to give a site which has been chosen south of Rheims, opposite the Farnsworth memorial cemetery, established in honor of Henry Farnsworth of Boston for members of the Foreign Legion killed during the war.

The number of American aviators killed totals sixty-three, the bodies of some of whom, including Maj. Raoul Lufbery, have been returned to the United States. The graves of six aviators have not yet been identified, but the search for identification is still continuing.

The cemetery will contain a memorial to all Americans killed in France in the aviation service. It will be laid out as a garden in the American fashion, avoiding any military aspect except for American and French at the entrance.

CHILEAN CABINET OUT.

Ministry Headed By Ismael Tocornal Resign Positions.

By the Associated Press.

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MOSCOW BECOMES GAY; LID OFF FOR EVERYTHING

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MOSCOW, January 10.—This city has become a wide-open town for the first time in its modern history. It is open for business, for thefts, for hold-ups, for fun, for drinking, for anything for amusement, for anything for anything and all things man or woman may devise.

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